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Chignik Tribal Council
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Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
4111 Aviation Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99519
Via email: Planning_Comments@dot.state.ak.us.

**RE: 2006 through 2008 STIP
Chignik Airport Access Road Rehabilitation
Our File No. 424.2**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Chignik Tribal Council, representing the federally recognized Native Village of Chignik, requests that you amend the 2006-2008 STIP to place the Chignik Road Reconstruction/Resurfacing Project on the 2006 calendar. We also request that you seek contingency advance transportation funds to be made available for 2006 for this important project.

As our council members and village administrator related during a joint meeting with the village corporation, Far West Inc., the City of Chignik, and representatives of your Department, the present road condition is extremely hazardous. At the present time, given the winter conditions, the road is rendered dangerous by ice falling and huge rock being forced out of the mountainside onto the road. During the summer, given the raining conditions here in Chignik, and the proximity of the road to the mountain, huge rock and other debris rain down on travelers. We believe that the reconstruction/resurfacing project should have the highest priority within your department.

We have also submitted letters to ANTHC, and we had ANTHC representatives present at the meeting referenced above, also assuring us that work in the right-of-way (water and sewer) will be completed by June. Accordingly, your earliest possible assistance and assurance that the STIP will be amended to place the Chignik Road Reconstruction/Resurface Project on the 2006 fiscal year schedule is anticipated.

Very truly yours,

Roderick Carlson, President

cc: Margie Macaully-Waite, President, FWI
Lake and Peninsula Borough
City of Chignik
Representative Carl Moses
Senator Lyman Huffman